

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 92-606-C - ORDER NO. 94-232✓
MARCH 16, 1994

IN RE: Southern Bell - Generic Proceeding to) ORDER GRANTING
Review the Use of N11 Service Codes.) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (Southern Bell) to block calls from the Bath, Beech Island, and North Augusta exchanges to 311. The request also states that, should Southern Bell's Area Plus Plan be implemented, that Southern Bell wishes to block any additional calls originated from additional exchanges to 311.

The basis for this request results from the Georgia Public Service Commission Order of a one year N11 trial that involves offering N11 service to Athens, Augusta, and Savannah. The trial involves Morris Communications, owners of the newspapers which serves these cities and this Company has been assigned the N11 code 311. According to Southern Bell's letter, the service should be available in the June time frame. Southern Bell goes on to state that this is a one year trial after which the Georgia Public Service Commission will re-evaluate the status of the offering.

This Commission, in Order No. 93-489, in this Docket, dated June 3, 1993, delayed implementation of N11 service in South Carolina until FCC action is taken. Southern Bell states that

since South Carolina customers in the Bath, Beech Island, and North Augusta exchanges have local calling to Augusta, Southern Bell requests permission to block calls from any of these South Carolina exchanges to 311. Also, Southern Bell states that should its Area Plus Plan be implemented, many more South Carolina exchanges would have local calling to Augusta, and Southern Bell requests permission to block calls from these exchanges to 311, also.

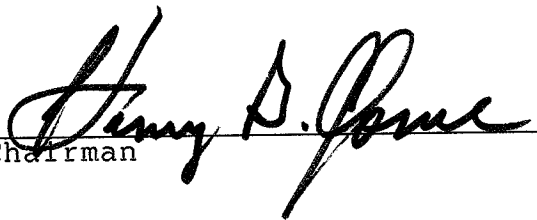
The Commission has examined this matter and believes that Southern Bell's request is reasonable and should be granted. We believe that the reasoning espoused in our Order No. 93-489, dated June 3, 1993, is still valid, in that to our knowledge, no FCC action has yet been taken on N11 service. Therefore, we believe that it is in the public interest for Southern Bell to be allowed to block calls from the Bath, Beech Island, and North Augusta exchanges to 311. Additionally, we believe that, should other South Carolina exchanges be able to call Augusta locally through an Area Plus Plan, that Southern Bell should be able to block these calls also to 311.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Southern Bell's request to block calls from the Bath, Beech Island, and North Augusta exchanges to 311 is granted.
2. Permission is also granted for Southern Bell to block any South Carolina exchanges that may gain local calling to Augusta to 311 as a result of implementation of the Area Plus Plan.

3. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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